

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

PO BOX 202501 HELENA MT 59620-2501 www.opi.state.mt.us (406) 444-3095 (888) 231-9393 (406) 444-0169 (TTY) Linda McCulloch Superintendent

Date: November 5, 2004

To: School Food Authority Administrators

From: Christine Emerson, Director

School Nutrition Programs

Re: Let's Eat at School Pilot Project

The Montana Team Nutrition Program will be conducting a pilot study to identify strategies to increase student participation rates in high school breakfast and lunch programs. The attached document provides the expectations and timeline for the project.

Four schools will be chosen from the pool based on the selection criteria of the project. These selection criteria include:

- 1) high school class (one from each class will be chosen);
- 2) geographical location (diverse locations);
- 3) high school nutrition program participation rate (less than 50 percent participation in breakfast and lunch programs); and
- 4) interest in the project and willingness to implement change based on the program analysis and suggestions.

We look forward to helping high schools across the state identify and implement strategies that will lead to more participation and revenue generation for their program. If your school is interested in participating in the pilot project, please contact Debi Miller at 994-5641 or demiller@state.mt.us by **November 12** to be considered.

Attachment